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Approved May 26, 1977.

CHAPTER 920

(Senate Bill 927)

AN ACT concerning

Local Boards of Education - Litigation

FOR the purpose of requiring permitting county boards of education and the Board of School Commissioners of Baltimore City to pay all or part of the counsel fees for the defense of members of those boards who become involved in litigation caused by service on those boards.

EY adding to

Article 77 - Public Education Section 56E Annotated Code of Maryland (1975 Replacement Volume and 1976 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That new Section 56E be and it is hereby added to Article 77 — Public Education, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1975 Replacement Volume and 1976 Supplement) to read as follows:

Article 77 - Public Education

56E.

THE COUNTY BOARDS OF EDUCATION AND THE BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS OF FALTIMORE CITY SHALL PAY GOUNSEL PLES MAY, IN THE DISCRETION OF THE BOARD, PROVIDE LEGAL REPRESENTATION MAY PAY ALL OR PAST OF THE COUNSEL FEES FOR THE DEFENSE OF ANY MEMBER OF THE BESPECTIVE BOARD WHO BECOMES INVOLVED IN LITIGATION CAUSED BY HIS SERVICE AND IN HIS OFFICIAL CAPACITY ON THAT BOARD AND SUCH PAYMENTS SHALL BE CONSIDERED A VALID EDUCATIONAL FXPENSE.

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